

THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1 - 14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A financial method implemented at least partially on a computer system for replicating the performance of a combination of financial instruments as a single regulated security comprising:

automatically receiving at a processor of the computer system ~~determining~~ a price of an underlying security from a price source, said underlying security comprising one or more preferred or common stocks;

setting a minimum holding period exchange date and an exchange maturity date using the computer system;

structuring an exchange traded exchangeable security with said ~~an~~ minimum holding period exchange date and said ~~an~~ exchange maturity date;

setting an option for exchanging said exchangeable security for a predetermined specific number of shares of the underlying security using the computer system, said option commencing at a time beginning or later than said minimum holding period and ending at said predetermined exchange maturity date;

providing said exchangeable security with said ~~an~~ option for exchanging said exchangeable security for a predetermined specific number of shares of the underlying security;

~~said option commencing at a time beginning or later than the minimum holding period and ending at the predetermined exchange maturity date;~~

setting a pre-determined linked payment paid to the holder of said exchangeable security at said maturity date in response to said exchangeable security being tendered for said underlying security at a time on or after said minimum holding period through said maturity date using the computer system;

providing said exchangeable security with a link to said a pre-determined linked payment ~~paid to the holder of said exchangeable security at said maturity date if said exchangeable security is tendered for said underlying security at a time on or after said minimum holding period through said maturity date;~~

automatically determining the amount of said pre-determined linked payment using the computer system;

setting an offering price at a first time for the exchangeable security using the computer system, wherein the offering price is the ~~determined~~ price of the underlying security from the price source;

issuing said exchangeable security;

automatically determining at a second time if the time exceeds the minimum holding period using the computer system, and exchanging the underlying security for the exchangeable security; and

automatically determining if the second time is at or after said maturity date using the computer system, and crediting the amount of said pre-determined linked payment.

16. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the price of the underlying security is a market price of a share of the underlying security.

17. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the price of the underlying security is a closing price of a share of the underlying security.

18. (cancelled)

19. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the second time is a defined period after the first time, the defined period selected from the group including one month, one quarter, semi-annual, single year and multiple years.

20. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the second time is two years after the first time.

21. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein exchanging the underlying security for the exchangeable security further comprises:

receiving a share of the exchangeable security; and

delivering a share of the underlying security.

22. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein exchanging the underlying security for the exchangeable security further comprises:

receiving a share of the exchangeable security; and

delivering an amount representing the value of a share of the underlying security at the second time.

23. - 24 (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) A financial method implemented at least partially on a computer system for replicating the performance of a combination of financial instruments as a single regulated security comprising:

automatically receiving at a processor of the computer system ~~determining~~ a price of an underlying security from a price source, said underlying security comprising one or more preferred or common stocks;

setting a minimum holding period exchange date and an exchange maturity date using the computer system;

structuring an exchange traded exchangeable security with said ~~an~~ minimum holding period exchange date and said ~~an~~ exchange maturity date;

setting an option for exchanging said exchangeable security for a predetermined specific number of shares of the underlying security using the computer system, said option commencing at a time beginning or later than said minimum holding period and ending at said predetermined exchange maturity date;

providing said exchangeable security with said ~~an~~ option for exchanging said exchangeable security for a predetermined specific number of shares of the underlying security; ~~said option commencing at a time beginning or later than the minimum holding period and ending at the predetermined exchange maturity date;~~

setting a pre-determined linked payment paid to the holder of said exchangeable security at said maturity date in response to said exchangeable security being tendered for said underlying security at a time on or after said minimum holding period through said maturity date using the computer system;

providing said exchangeable security with a link to said a pre-determined linked payment ~~paid to the holder of said exchangeable security at said maturity date if said exchangeable security is tendered for said underlying security at a time on or after said minimum holding period through said maturity date;~~

automatically determining the amount of said pre-determined linked payment using the computer system;

setting an offering price at a first time for the exchangeable security using the computer system, wherein the offering price is the determined price of the underlying security;

issuing said exchangeable security;

prior to the exchange maturity date, exchanging a full share of the underlying security for a share of the exchangeable security; and

prior to the exchange maturity date, declining payment of the amount of said pre-determined linked payment.

26. (original) A method according to claim 25, wherein the price of the underlying security is a market price of a share of the underlying security.

27. (original) A method according to claim 25, wherein the price of the underlying security is a closing price of a share of the underlying security.

28. (cancelled)

29. (original) A method according to claim 25, wherein the second time is a defined period after the first time, the defined period selected from the group including one month, one quarter, semi-annual, single year and multiple years.

30. (original) A method according to claim 25, wherein the second time is two years after the first time.

31. (original) A method according to claim 25, wherein exchanging a full share of the underlying security for the exchangeable security further comprises:
receiving a share of the exchangeable security; and
delivering a full share of the underlying security.

32. (original) A method according to claim 25, wherein exchanging a full share of the underlying security for the exchangeable security further comprises:
receiving a share of the exchangeable security; and
delivering an amount representing the value of a full share of the underlying security at the second time.

33 - 56. (cancelled)